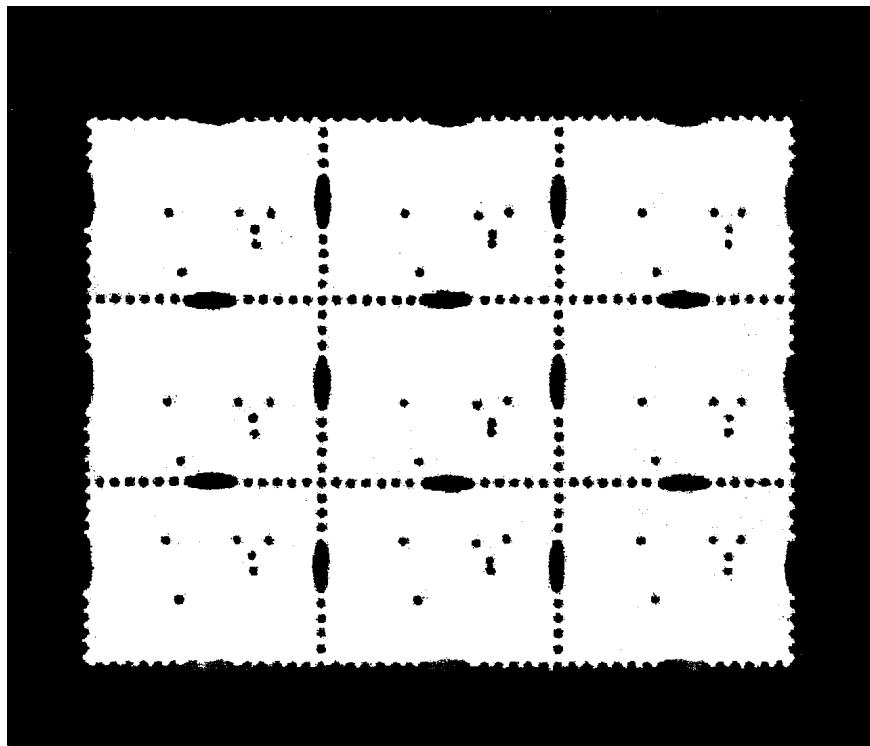


PERFORATED INSURANCE STAMPS

Gaille Ellis sent this illustration of a block of 9 £3-75p National Insurance Stamps. She thought the holes may have been an incomplete perfins.



In **Bulletin 263 Pg.8-9** there was quite a long article by Dave Hill about Ballot Paper perforations and National Insurance Stamp perforations.;;

In **Bulletin 264 Pg.6** there was a very useful reply from Bill Cokayne (see resignations and tribute in Society Information) with corroborating, and new, information about the work done at Sloper's for the appropriate Government Ministry.

The holes in the illustrated Insurance Stamps are not incomplete perfins but a series of holes in a set pattern used solely by one particular employer. Dave mentioned that in some of the Sloper Record Books there is a column showing the die, and machine number, of the pattern used by various firm. He mentions that in 1932 there was a machine supplied to George Wimpey, the builders. The book has the remark, "*Specimen followed exactly as has been approved by the Ministry of Health. Holes not to be larger than those dividing sheets of Health stamps. Capable of perforating Health and Unemployment Stamps*".